



Food Bank Receives Generous Grant to Expand Lovin' Lunchbox Program *Hunger never takes a summer vacation*

Central Coast Funds for Children (CCFC) was established in May 1993 to benefit children in need of special services in San Luis Obispo County. Raising money through special fundraising events and donations, \$3,000 was presented to the Food Bank to increase the reach of the Lovin' Lunchbox program to eight sites in 2012. In SLO County over 10,000 children are on free and reduced lunch during the school year and during the summer their families struggle to provide enough nutrition for growing bodies.

Nutrition is an important goal in all the programs supported by the Food Bank and hunger can be one of the most severe roadblocks to a child's learning process. The need for proper nutrition transcends the yearly school schedule continuing into the summer months. Just as hunger never takes a summer vacation neither does a child's ability to learn, although this ability can be severely hindered by a lack of food. Helping children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow during this time will keep children happy and healthy.

Through Summer Food Service Programs like Lovin' Lunchboxes, the Food Bank, with the grant from Central Coast Funds for Children, can provide nutritious meals to low-income children. Children and teenagers age 18 years and younger can receive up to two healthy meals or snacks per day. We thank Central Coast Funds for helping the Food Bank in their continuing goal to end hunger in San Luis Obispo County.



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About the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County: The organization is the only countywide source of nutritious and low-cost food for low-income families, seniors, children, veterans and the disabled. Through direct programs like the Lovin' Lunchbox Program for school children and the Senior Brown Bag Program, and in partnership with over 200 SLO County agencies, the Food Bank Coalition will provide more than 5.5 million pounds of food, helping over 40,000 county residents in 2012.

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